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WEEKLY REPORT

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An action-packed Weekly Report this week, with news from all quarters in great abundance. Straight on to business without delay. The newspaper cuttings.....yet again, two B4 sheets, crammed full of snippets from this week's press and featuring.....two stories from the Scottish press all about the recent radio programme on BBC Radio Scotland, concerning the ship-based station of the same name, a further story about Stereo 531 from the Kentish press, two pieces from a computer magazine about Calderdale Sound in Todmorden, Yorkshire, the third piece from the Liverpool press(missing last week), about the recent court case of Radio Merseywaves, yet more news from 'Nova versus the N.U.J.', courtesy of The Journalist, two small articles from the National dailies about BBC Essex wanting 558, three cuttings from Friday's evening papers about the latest Caroline drifting, plus some odds and ends. Really a noteworthy collection this week, even though we do say so ourselves. The price, just 20p plus a largish SAE(or 40p if you have no large envelopes). By joining the "Cuttings Club", you can receive all the week's cuttings, irrespective of number of pages, each week, along with your Weekly Report. Simply send £5.00, and this will cover cuttings for a year. Only "WR" subscribers can join "CC". We cannot back-date "CC" subscriptions, but all back copies are still available at the price listed right here each week. Since the start of "CC"(Issue 50, dated 14th April 1985), we have managed to accumulate 86 B4 sheets, and for the benefit of anyone who may wish to avail themselves of this fine collection of cuttings, we can now offer them as a package, for just £8.00, posted flat and unfolded in a giant envelope. You may already have purchased some of these sheets, but if you wish to have the remaining ones, just tell us which you already have, and we will send the others immediately. You may deduct 10p for every sheet you already have. Please note though, minimum order on this offer is £5.00(about 50 sheets). We should just like to point out that the offer includes the "Eurosiege" and "Laser in Harwich" packages. We should like to thank everyone who sent in cuttings this week, and every week really, but particularly this week, for the speed we received them.

In the line of new merchandise, we have very little this week. We do, however, have the latest issue of **OFFSHORE**, No. 37, Winter 1986. Half Dutch/half English, but with some excellently re-produced photographs. 44 pages and recommended. Indeed, we have a special offer here, instead of the usual £1.60, we can offer it for just £1.00 for a limited period. You can, of course, subscribe to Offshore, and details about same are contained within the magazine. The editor tells us that he is still seeking people to write articles in English for future issues, so, if you have the inclination to write, drop the editor a line and tell him all about it. Eduard van Loon, c/o P.O. Box 539 etc.

Whilst on the subject of magazines/books, we are receiving numerous enquiries about the Jay Jackson booklet, and whether subscribers to "WR" can have more than one copy at the special offer price of £3.50 instead of £5.50. The answer to this question is yes, subscribers to "WR" and "Offshore Echos" can have as many copies at the special price as they wish. Non-members must pay £5.50 however.

Latest news from Free Radio Round-Up: The latest edition is well under way and should surface very shortly. "The Best of Offshore Echos": This looks like being a best seller and the offer made in the latest Offshore Echos magazine still stands....order and pay now, before publication date, and get £1.00 knocked off the face price, that is, send £2.50, instead of £3.50. Once the book is published, the price will be £3.50 all round.

Please Note: Expected date of publication, end of February. All payments to be sent to A-UK, P.O. Box 539, etc., not to France.

Latest arrivals on our news-desk this week: Radiotelex, Issue 66, complete with new editor, but hardly noticeable, still a first class short wave magazine, now back on good quality paper. Three A4 sheets. We can supply just one sample issue for 40p., thereafter, subscriptions must be taken out via Radiotelex. PIN-MAGAZINE, Issue Nr.19, January 1986. An excellent German magazine(all in the German language, but nevertheless very interesting indeed). 36 pages covering FM, MW and SW across Europe, including Offshore and Ireland. Highly recommended. Price is DM3.50 which works out about £1.00(plus an IRC for sending to the U.K.). Don't send any £1 coins there please, notes only(or IRC's), to PIN-MAGAZINE, Postfach 220342, 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany.

Finally, apologies for the continuing delay with regard to supplying Laser and Caroline Colour Posters and Caroline Car Stickers. We are still awaiting supplies, and we can assure everyone, that once supplies are received, all orders will be despatched with great haste.

Plenty of action on the radio scene this week, and, as usual, we start off with **IRELAND.... RADIO NOVA**. Good and bad news from this station this week....they started off the week with a completely new line-up, which read.....06.00, John O'Hara 09.00, Tony McKenzie 13.00, Colm Heyes 17.00, George Talbot 21.00, Richard Jackson 01.00, Paul Cavanagh.

A full news service resumed, on the hour(with headlines at peak times on the half hour), from 07.00 till 01.00. News-readers noted...Bob Gallico, Sybil Fennell, George Long, Dave Johnson and Gary Hammill. Extended news bulletins at 13.00 and 19.00. Transmissions were made on 738khz., AM with just under 10kw., 103.1mhz., FM with 1kw., and 254khz Long Wave with 15kw.

At approximately 14.30 on Tuesday 28th January, Radio Nova split their service. FM and 738 carried normal Nova, 254khz. long wave carried a separate service with country music and oldies from 15.00 till 18.00 each day, presented by Chris Barry, who announced "test transmissions from Radio Nova on 254khz., long wave". Reception reports were asked for on Dublin 932996 and requests and dedications were promised in return(and duly heard). Long wave joined up with the other service for news bulletins and news headlines. The relaying of the parent station resumed at 18.00. The same arrangement was noted on the Wednesday, and again on the Thursday, although some problems were noted with long wave on the Thursday, very likely due to the stormy weather playing havoc with the complex aerial system. Normal Nova resumed at 18.00 on this day, until 23.12, when the transmitter was shut off. Apparently Chris Cary has now abandoned the whole long wave idea for some reason. The reports were fairly flooding in, many reporting excellent reception in their area. The extreme South East of Great Britain seemed to be the poorest reception area. All reception reports have now been forwarded to the station as agreed. We should like to thank everyone for writing in with their reports on this long wave experiment and right now, it may be an idea to drop Chris Cary a line stating your views on the thing. If he suddenly receives a great number of letters in support of LW, he may well change his mind and put the service back on. The address to write to is....Chris Cary, Radio Nova, Nova Park, Stocking Lane, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16, Eire. It appears that Radio Nova may not be the first long wave pirate, according to The International Waters Radio Group(see sticker on back page). They tell us that long wave pirates do, in fact, exist in Russia of all places, where the authorities call them "Radio Hooligans"(and no doubt send them to Siberia, mining salt, when they catch them). How they go on about aeriels there beats us, the reason being that such long aeriels are really needed for LW.

Apart from all the above excitement, Nova has sounded a new station this last week, with all the new voices on and different line-up. Nova Club card numbers are once again being read out, when the lucky recipient has thirty minutes to ring in and claim his, or her, prize. £10 giveaways are also noted, with Cathy Byrne, and her distinctive accent, handling these. Q 102's "Eye in the sky" continues to take some stick from this station, with, again, Cathy, "Spy in the street" or "Sat in the sky". The station are running a "job creation" promotion where firms setting on new staff can get a week's free advertising on the station. Several

have been noted already.

Finally with Nova, reports of the Caroline drifting(see later) were carried on their news bulletins on Friday. Chris Barry(recently heard doing the long wave tests) was noted on Nova on Saturday night.

Q 102. Not a lot to report here, but we do have their current line-up, as promised a couple of weeks ago.....06.00, Greg Gaughran 09.00, Scott Williams 12.00, Jason Maine 15.00, Jerry Stevens 19.00, John Kenny Midnight, Al Dunne.

Weekenders are Aidan Leonard, Dave Kelly and John Power. News-readers, Ann Cassin, Mark Weller and Brian Jennings. Frequencies..... 819khz., AM, 102.1 and 103.5mhz FM in stereo.

RADIO WEST. Merseyside's John Dwyar has re-appeared on this station, since Thursday 23rd January. The current line-up is now....07.00 Roger Taylor 10.00 Niall McGowan 14.00 John Dwyar 18.00 Mike McCartney. It appears that both Paul Clements and Frank Ryan have now left. The station can be heard countrywide(possibly nationwide), on 765khz AM, and 94.0mhz FM stereo and 98.5mhz., FM, locally(link transmitter?).The station still continues to advertise for new presenters. Their address is....Radio West, Broadcasting House, Patrick Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, Eire.

ATHLONE LOCAL RADIO. This station is now running a 24 hour operation, since early December. FM only, on 104.0mhz., in stereo. Their current address is Burgess Chambers, Church Street, Athlone. Current presenters are....Pete Casey, Mark Anthony, Jason Ross, Murdoc, Paul Winters, Noel Lackey, Ray O'Reilly, Eoin Reid, Dave Stewart, Tony Connors and Dave Hurley. Producer/managers are Mary and Basil. Plans are well advanced to increase the listening area in the very near future, we are told.

WLS MUSIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL. News just in from Don Stevens in Galway informs us that despite poor weather, plans to erect new aeriels for FM, AM and SW are going ahead nicely, and by mid to end of this month, an improvement in signal strength should be evident. Don goes on to say that programmes continue more or less as before, the only change is a local presenter taking over Jeremy James's night-time spot. Delivery is awaited of the first "American Top Forty" syndicated show. The "American Country Countdown" syndicated show is expected by the Summer. Format on the station is still adult mainstream, and considerable advertiser support is noted, despite the time of year. A new addition to the news team, is a guy called Darren O'Brien, who is presently gaining tremendous local support from the audience. 846khz., AM and 102.7mhz FM in stereo are the present frequencies, both locally.

MID-WEST RADIO. This is a new station started up just before the end of the year, in Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo. Chris Carl and Paul Claffey seem to be the main people here. The Midas Night-club in Ballyhaunis is possibly the location. Frequencies are 1332khz., AM and 98.4mhz FM locally.

Apparently, the AM transmitter is quite powerful and the service area radius is thought to be about 50 miles. Reception reports have been noted from Strandhill near Sligo, and further South towards Galway. In fact, the station can be heard with some perseverance in the U.K. Sandy in Blackpool noted it last Sunday, and we in turn logged same on both Monday and Tuesday last. On the Tuesday, we even phoned the station and went live on the air. A number of adverts were noted, and the station sounded very professional. We wish them every success and hope they can continue to get advertising in this lesser populated area of Ireland. The address is c/o The Midas Night-Club, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo...Tel 0907 30169.

LONGFORD COMMUNITY RADIO. This station returned to the air on 22nd January on 1071kHz. Broadcast hours are currently 08.00 till mid-night. Further breaks were noted in transmissions, but since last Monday, appear to be back full time. The signal can just be received in Blackpool, again, with much perseverance. The station has announced the first L.C.R. Awards to be held in the Castlecourt Hotel, Mohill, Co. Leitrim on 11th February. Central Radio from the same town do not appear to have made a return as yet.

BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO. The station is presently advertising for a suitable site near Navan, for a transmitting mast. Once constructed, it is planned to relay the main service from Kilnaleck. Live programmes go out daily from 07.00 till 01.00, with taped shows from 01.00 till 07.00. Frequency is still 1161kHz., AM. Line-up on this station is a bit complex, but space permitting we hope to print it very shortly.

CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO. Problems here with audio on 819kHz., on 19/20th January, resulting in some lost transmission time. Things now seem to be back to normal and this station's new line-up reads...07.00 Phil Hilton 09.00 Daffy Don Allen 12.00 Tony Brady 15.00 Ollie Clarke till 17.30, thereafter as line-up printed in previous issues.

ERNESIDE COMMUNITY RADIO. 1251kHz., AM., from Belturbet in Co. Cavan, with a powerful signal, have recently signed up their first lady D.J. Her name is Jackie, and she has been heard hosting weekend programmes.

BOYNESIDE RADIO- ARDEE. Boyneside Radio will be opening a radio station in this town, half way between Navan and Dundalk, from 1st till 7th February. The station will be on 101.0mhz FM in stereo using 100watts. The station is there to coincide with a local garage who are holding an 'open week'. The garage wanted a live outside broadcast unit, but the station went one further and set up a station for the week! Local programmes go out at prime times with relays from Drogheda at other times.

BOYNESIDE RADIO- DROGHEDA. A new high power FM transmitter will be installed very soon, and should be on the air by mid month. The new frequency of 104.7mhz will be used(98.1mhz at present). Power will be in the region of 5kw., putting the station on a par with Nova and Q 102. Present freq...98.1 and 99.1(link t/x) and 1305kHz.

BOYNESIDE RADIO- KELLS. The above 98.1mhz., transmitter will be moved to this station(at present on 100.3mhz with only low power). In addition the studios will be wired for stereo. Due to the height of the Kells t/x site, an excellent coverage area is envisaged. Present freq...100.3 and 1323kHz.

BOYNESIDE- NORTHERN IRELAND. The studios at Carrickcannon have now been converted to stereo. A new mast is to be installed at Clermont Cairn in Co. Louth(close to the RTE ones), and should provide first class stereo for Newry and surrounding areas, possibly reaching Belfast. Again, the power used will be 5kw. Present freq..... 106.2mhz.(link) in stereo and 1233kHz AM.

SOUTH COAST RADIO. This Cork station were off the air on 18th January for transmitter repairs, but duly returned after 24 hours on 102,3mhz., also on 1386kHz., AM with very low power.

WBEN are presently moving from Cook Street to Patrick Street, only about 400 yards from the ERI offices. One or two new adverts have appeared recently and the Pulsar Quartz winners have been announced. A regular feature on the station is the broadcast of many American snippets. A station spokesman says that they hope to broadcast on AM very soon, and D.J.'s voices will be heard, once they get settled in their new premises.

Our thanks this week to the following people who contributed information(in addition to the stations themselves)....Siobhan, Don, Kieran, Sean, Jason and John.

Finally in Ireland, John Lewis returned to ABC in Waterford during the week, and his first show was heard on Wednesday morning at 10.00, and weekday mornings at this time thereafter. Big 'M' Community Radio in Castleblayney appear to have changed channel, and can now be heard here, loud and clear, on 1413kHz. Rumours of a new station in Tullamore abound. News and reports from Kildare Community Radio in Naas, Co. Kildare, may soon appear on these pages.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. We await further reports from this station, but now know that Dave Asher has resumed duties aboard, hopefully along with Keith Lewis, who should be joined later today or tomorrow by Adam Webb. Dario Monferini in Italy reported logging the station on the harmonic frequency of 3060kHz., recently. We have now just received a report that Ken Baird in Scotland has also logged the station, both last night, and Friday night, on this channel.

LASER. This stalemate situation smacks of the Paradijs case(of which, no news is forthcoming), with still no further known developments.

CAROLINE & MONIQUE. There might be no action above, but these pair make up for it. Last Sunday evening, a Jerry(or Jeffrey) Davies was heard from 17.00 until 21.00 on 558kHz. Later, Nigel(Bagwan) Roberts was heard during the night on 963kHz. Two shifts per day has been performed by Peter Philips, Kevin Turner and Dave Andrews. Fergie took over Tom Anderson's spot, who has not been heard since last Sunday, so we can only assume he came off, as Davies and Roberts went on. On Monique, Ad Roberts, Ferry Eden and Maarten de Jong have been noted again, live.

Sunday's International Show on the station with Ad Roberts, was all English last Sunday, including the records, previously being half English/half Dutch. Word reaches us from Ron West, telling us that he has indeed left the station after doing six months live on board, followed by six months on tape.

In the early hours of Friday morning, listeners heard reports of very rough seas in the North Easterly gales. Some numbers were read out for the office at 01.30 and later. They were possibly 231, 300 and 240, although not certain, as loggers can be very sleepy at these un-earthly hours. According to Ceefax at 07.45 on Friday morning... at approximately 03.00, two life-boats were launched to help the Radio Caroline ship, the Ross Revenge, which had lost its anchor in heavy seas. The eleven man crew fought all morning to stop her entering territorial waters, and possible arrest. It is understood that some trouble was experienced with over-heating engines, but later it was reported again, that the crew had managed to drop the spare anchor, very close to the original position. 558khz. came alive at about 15.30 on Friday when cryptic records were played and Peter Philips said that everything and everyone were alright and the station would be back as soon as possible. They closed at 16.00 with 'on my way back home'. The station was apparently next heard at 21.00 on Saturday night, on 558khz. These transmissions lasted until just into Sunday, but it is not known if normal programmes were aired, due to poor reception conditions here, but thought not. At 05.25 today, the 558khz transmitter came alive once again, and following some tuning notes, music commenced and a message, once again stating that everything and everyone were alright, and that they were staying on the air for a while to see if the weather conditions improved, if not, then they would have to take up their positions once again, and no doubt help with the situation. The message stated that everyone had performed magnificently. Records were played at first(some jumping of the needle was noted) but taped shows were played later, with similar messages relayed from time to time. It must be pointed out that the music format throughout today, Sunday, was quite outstanding. In the meantime 963khz. was checked and found to be on today, with Dutch programmes, although at what time it commenced, we are not sure at this stage.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Radio Merseywaves is the only station heard here today from that city, on 1242khz., announcing 1233khz., as always! Some audio problems have been noted, particularly during the earlier part of the day, although this now seems to be cleared up with the arrival of station boss, and transmitter engineer, Burt Williams, who goes on to tell us that the station were not on the air Saturday, due to him making one or two alterations, following a raid at 15.45 on Friday, on Central Radio (1413khz.) nearby. WFM were on the air last Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 22.00 till 01.00, on 90.3mhz. No other stations have been noted at all over the weekend.

OXFORD. Thames Valley Radio were logged there last Sunday, but coming on air late, at 14.00. They still broadcast 7 hours, until 21.00. During the day, they announced that they had been on the previous night. They further stated their intention of continuing with Saturday and Sunday broadcasts, and went on to ask for advertisers to come forward. An address of TVR, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford was repeated on a number of occasions. 103.2mhz., FM was the frequency.

EASTBOURNE. Radio Atlantis(the S.W. one) was broadcasting in that area last Sunday evening with a unique test, with two transmitters located about thirty miles from each other, one 'linked' off the other. The main 90watt rig on 105mhz., serving kent from the Hawkurst area, and the 30watt relay on 91mhz., based in Eastbourne. No regular broadcast schedule has been announced as yet. Another station from the Dover area were testing last Wednesday evening, on 105.5mhz., calling themselves, K.W.R. and putting out a superb signal. Mailing address was 32 Victoria Road etc.

BEDFORD. Mystery surrounds an advertisement in a local Bedford Sunday paper recently(featured in cuttings), called Radio North Sea Int.! Letters addressed to a P.O. Box No. have been returned by the Bedford Post Office. A Zurich P.O. Box No. was also noted. Roger Tidy of "Media Monitor" magazine has taken up this story and intends to feature it in his next issue due out in a day or so. Meanwhile Roger has plans to visit Bedford and interview the person behind the venture, who he has already spoken to on the phone.

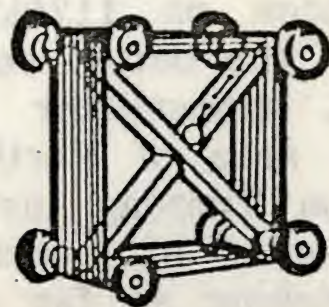
SHORT WAVE STATIONS...LOG for SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 1986.

6200khz...FALCON RADIO, at 11.15 and 11.25gmt(via IRRS).
6200khz...4 FREEDOMS WORLD SERVICE(via IRRS), at 1245gmt.
6210khz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 09.30gmt.
6230khz...RADIO EAST COAST COMMERCIAL, at 11.00 & 11.07.
6238khz...RADIO STATION TORRENVALK, at 08.59gmt.
6240khz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 09.50gmt.
6261khz...RADIO SKYWAVE INTERNATIONAL, at 09.20gmt.
6280khz...WESTSIDE RADIO INTERNATIONAL, at 11.34gmt.
6300khz...UNID., at 12.45gmt.
6305v.kz...STARBOARD SOUND, at 10.15gmt.
6310khz...RADIO IRELAND INTERNATIONAL, at 10.30gmt.
6320khz...FREE MEDWAY TOWN RADIO, at 1015gmt.
6400khz...RADIO VALLERI, at 10.00gmt.
7315khz...RADIO R.I.D.ICULOUS, at 11.05 & 11.15gmt.

Conditions were very poor, even in the better areas of Cornwall, the bands were very noisy. FMTR tell us that due to storm damage to their aerials, they were not able make it on to the air yesterday, and only just made it at the last minute, today. Normal programmes will resume next week, all being well. According to Podney, Radio Delmare are lying low at present, due to various reasons with the Dutch authorities. Many thanks for all logs sent in this week, no amendments to last week's list are necessary. Radio Rainbow tell us that new QSL cards are being printed. Their address is Radio Rainbow Int., 151 Moneymore, Drogheda, Co. Louth, EIRE. Send two IRC's for a reply.

"Join Kieran Murray every Sunday morning at 11.00 on Radio Rainbow Int., 6240khz., for THE FREE RADIO SHOW"

SOME REPORTS AND ADVERTS HELD OVER UNTIL NEXT WEEK.....



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The action continues once again, with further drama on the high seas, still further speculation about new ventures, raids and threats of even worse to come! All adding up to plenty of reading, as usual, but first, the post....Will everyone have a look at their address on our envelope, to check it is in order, particularly, please check your post-code. If there is no code, please let us know as soon as you can. It is a possibility that un-coded mail may be deliberately delayed by the post office. If you are a student, or someone who lives away from home for periods, let us know the dates when you wish your address to be altered. As long as we know this, it is no trouble to us, and a pleasure to do it.

THE CUTTINGS CLUB. This week, understandably, we have extra cuttings, and have accumulated 3 B4 sheets of items out of the week's press. They include ever so many reports of last weekend's action on the North Sea, from, ever so many papers. Further threats from the DTL, and what they plan next. A report on Caroline 'Spotlighting', from the Standard. Yet more about Stereo 531, including quite a big piece from "City Limits", telling us all about it, including an excellent picture of the(maybe this should be 'a') ship. News about land-based as well, with reports about the Greeks in London, PCRL, in Birmingham and a plug for <TX> magazine, out of the Standard again. A very comprehensive selection of cuttings this week, well worth getting. Price is just 50p., inclusive of postage and packing. Again, a couple of items(more about the Greeks and a letter out of Radio Times) have had to be held over till next week. We should like once again, to take this opportunity to thank all those who kindly send in cuttings. The Cuttings Club, due to so much material as a result of coverage by the press, is rapidly becoming part of the report. We have every intention to keep it separate, but cannot always comment on content, within the pages of "WR". We do try and stick to reporting, rather than speculating, but very often, lack of space prevents us from even doing this. Nevertheless, if you would like to receive the week's cuttings along with your "WR", simply send £5.00, and you will receive same each week for a year, irrespective of number of pages(it actually works out at less than 10p per week, and with "WR" that's just less than 30p). Any subscriptions for "CC" will run from date received. Back copies can be purchased at the price listed right here each week. From time to time, we make special offers on parcels of back copies.

In view of the happenings on the North Sea over the past nine or ten days, it might be an opportune moment right now to give a mention to that great organisation, The Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Thanks to a couple of our readers, who have kindly lent us their copies, we can tell you that the latest issue of their magazine is now out, Number 494, Winter '85/'86. Entitled of course, "The Lifeboat", the magazine is an A4 'glossy' with colour cover, and this issue ironically contains details of the lifeboats' rushing to the aid of the Ross Revenge in January 1985. The incident last Friday but one was almost a carbon copy of events. Despite it being a very interesting article, it has not been used in this week's cuttings, in view of the length of time since it occurred, as people may have thought it was associated with the most recent emergency.

However, copies of this magazine can be purchased, and of course, funds will be helped in this way. You can subscribe to it for £3.00 per year or join 'Shoreline' for £6.00 per year, and, if anyone would like to, we have re-produced their advert on the back page of this mag. The magazine does have 30p printed on it, which possible means it can be bought at bookstalls also. Drop this worthy organisation a line today with a donation or a subscription if you can.

NEW MERCHANDISE. No major new additions to our list this week, but one or two offers and extras. Our successful range of postcards has been extended and now includes black and white

shots of The Comet(Radio Scotland), Norderney(Radio Veronica), from the air, Norderney from sea level, Magdalena(Mi Amigo), Magda Maria(Paradijs), Mi Amigo(Caroline), Alan West at Centre Radio and Alan West at Hallam. 20p each or any six for £1.00. In colour, we have Mebo II from the air, Mi Amigo and Communicator, these are 25p each or five for £1.00. The offer on the Flashback '67 double album from EAP still stands, £2.99 plus £1.01 postage(send £4, reduced from £10.00). The Radio Nostalgia Tapes from EAP at £4.00 each(down from £6.99). Titles in this series include.....Searching The Ether, The Early Pirates, The Ronan O'Rahilly Interview, The Robbie Dale Interview, The Tony Windsor Interview, The Bill Mitchell Interview, The Johnnie Walker Interview and The Simon Dee Interview. Please state which is required when ordering.

We have been informed that both Laser and Caroline Wall Posters will be back in stock this week. Also expected this week....Free Radio Round-Up Issue 5. This will be 60p, and we shall have more about it next week. Not available until end of February, but taking advance orders at £2.50(instead of £3.50).. "The Best Of Offshore Echos". No further word on The Charlie Wolf Laser Video as yet(please send NO money until requested to do so).

NEW ARRIVALS. Just two this week, Media Monitor, Issue 21(February) features as it's lead story, the Radio North Sea International project from Bedford, which makes amusing reading, this plus lots of other radio news items on its

28 pages will cost you 50p for a sample copy from Roger Tidy, 11 St. Philip House, Lloyd Baker Street, London WC1X 9BA. Clandestine Listeners Club of Germany Magazine...No.1/86 Issue 102 Vol.10. 20 A4 sheets, loosely stapled, all in German, but with pages of SW logs and addresses and adverts. Published monthly, the magazine can be obtained from CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg II, West Germany for DM26(for 12 issues) about 60p. each.

Reader Bradley Allen tells us that The Dansk DX Lytter Klub are having problems with their Hobby Pirate List. In a note sent to subscribers, it says that the list has not been published since May '85 and is not likely to be so in the near future, due to having no responsible editor(that's what it says!). DDXLK can be contacted at P.O. Box 392, DK - 8100, Aarhus C, Denmark.

Another reader interested in swapping tape recordings is Paul Coates who can be contacted at 32 Westminster Avenue, Hull, HU8 9AQ. His speciality is '60's Offshore, but recordings of any era interest him. Drop him a line if you are interested.

Finally in this opening section, reader and good friend, Mike Harker is running a series of trips to Dublin to view/listen to radio stations(and believe us, it is worth doing). For just £18.00 you can have a duty free day in Dublin departing Friday night at 22.15 from Liverpool and returning 23.00 on the Saturday night from Dublin, arriving 07.00(Sunday) back in Liverpool. You will have from 07.00 Saturday morning until 23.00 in the evening to discover Dublin, listen to the amazing FM radio, sample Guinness and visit radio stations. Dates proposed initially, are 21/22nd February, 4th/5th April and 26th/27th April. Meeting point would be Liverpool Lime Street Station between 20.30 and 21.00 on the Friday night. If anyone is interested in these highly recommended trips, contact Mike Harker at 54 Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5AQ, enclosing an SAE(or £18.00 if you are certain of going).

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND....NOVA.

It seems all quiet on this front this week, no LW, in fact very little to report on at all. Radio conditions are rapidly improving(daylight medium wave) and Radio Nova is once again being heard further afield, and for longer periods as daylight hours extend slowly. American/Mexican Cathy Byrne, normally only heard on the Breakfast Show doing traffic reports, and on the streets giving away £10.00 to lucky listeners, was noted on Sunday evening last doing a programme. It is not known if this was her first show or not, it was certainly the first we had heard.

LONGFORD. Central Radio in this town seem to have closed down(1035khz.). The studio premises are empty and one of their D.J.'s, Michael James is apparently working back on the town's other station, Longford Community Radio, on 1071khz.

This station can just be received in Blackpool on good days, with the aid of external antennae.

KILNALECK. Noted today(Sunday), Breffni Community Radio back on 1170khz., from 1161khz. It is not known at this stage, which day they changed

back. They originally moved to 1161khz. to escape splatter from Radio Sweden on 1179khz., but this has now subsided with the better conditions. **DUBLIN.** RTE's 1278khz. transmitter situated in the Whitehall/Beaumont area of North Dublin went berserk yet again on Tuesday last. Radio receiving was severely affected in a wide radius from the city, even stretching as far away as Manchester, as spurious emissions from Radio 2 originally on 1278khz., spread throughout the medium wave band and further afield still. The second harmonic on 2556khz., was particularly strong. This state of affairs was noted around lunchtime and immediately reported to RTE in Donnybrook, Dublin. By mid afternoon, the fault had been rectified and normal conditions were once again noted.

WATERFORD. John Lewis reports from ABC Radio and tells us that the station now have a relay in nearby Dungarvan, on 96.0mhz FM in stereo, in addition to the Tramore one on 103.1mhz., FM in stereo and the main Waterford on 100.8mhz., again in stereo. John has been noted doing the 10.00 till 13.00 spot weekdays, and reading the news. Current line-up on this station....07.00 Richard Staines 10.00 John Lewis 13.00 Timmy Ryan 16.00 Tony Murrell 19.00 Roddy Cleare 22.00 Jimmy Ryan 02.00 Neil Butler News... Dave Hunt.

LIMERICK. According to Ian Biggar, just returned from Ballycotton, Co. Cork, Radio Luimni have a new station address, it is...1 Upper Gerald Griffin Street, Limerick. The station broadcasts on 1125khz., AM and 96mhz FM with possibly a link FM on 106mhz. Hopefully Ian may send a further report on this station shortly.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. A quick call to Tel Aviv, revealed that the station is back on the air(it had been off due to problems with generators, and had had to spend some days in Ashdod, whilst these were fixed). However, all seems well once again. The station is still broadcasting on 1530khz., and the second harmonic has been received in a couple of places(3060khz.). The weather out in the Med. has been a bit unsettled it seems, with two or three days stormy, followed by ten days or so, of normal weather. Keith Lewis is doing programmes, but Adam Webb not, and it is possible that the latter may indeed return to the U.K. Full current line-up will be printed as soon as one is received.

LASER. Absolutely nothing to report here again, as stated before, it seems a stalemate situation.

PARADIJS. Well, the court case took place, and guess what, that's right, adjourned yet again! Apparently, and this comes from a well-informed source, as they say, the next hearing will be the final one. The case has got to be closed after this next one.

CAROLINE/MONIQUE. More action, mystery, suspense, and still further drama, once again, this week. Last Sunday, both 558 and 963 had returned, although 558 was playing only taped non-stop music, with the odd message read out. 963 appeared to be running normal Monique shows, and went off the air sometime between 18.00 and 19.00. On Monday morning, 558 seemed to

be back to normal, apart from missing news broadcasts. This was mentioned and these too, duly returned towards the end of the week (possibly Friday). Line-up from Monday was 06.00 Kevin Turner, 10.00 Peter Philips 14.00 David Andrews. At 18.00 Non-stop music followed, "due to technical problems" according to David Andrews. 558 closed at 21.00. 963 on the Monday carried normal Monique but closed at 18.38 after playing several themes. On the Tuesday, it was more or less the same as the Monday, 963 closed down again, after themes, at 18.23. 558 continued after 18.00, until 21.00 but with some very strange things heard, including old jingles and some strange music. It seemed someone was having a bit of fun on the air. On Wednesday, same again, but 963 went off straight after Johann Maasbach at 18.15, whilst 558 continued, with Andy Johnson until 21.00, whereupon they closed down. Thursday, saw more or less the same, but at 18.00 Jerry Davies, followed at 21.00 by Andy Johnson, until 01.00, when they closed. On this day, 963 continued with non-stop music, following Johann, at 18.15 until 21.00, when Caroline Overdrive returned with possibly Fergie.

During this period of four days, Radio Monique had operated more or less normally, with Ferry Eden and Maarten de Jong sharing the extended news broadcasts at midday. Ad Roberts, in the meantime, read the International News in English, each day at 08.30. On Thursday, from 13.00 till 15.00, Ferry Eden replaced Ad Roberts, and Ad replaced Maarten, from 15.00 till 17.00, the latter not being heard at all.

The religious shows seem to have disappeared, apart from the 15 minute Johann Maasbach one. Just to confirm that radio conditions had indeed improved, 558 has been audible each evening here in Blackpool, on some nights with an excellent signal. Also David Andrews was heard reading out a request for Michelle in Blackpool on Tuesday at 16.00, saying she had written in to them.

Friday seemed the action day on the North Sea again. It started off quite normally, at 05.00 again on 558, with the same line-up as the previous day. By mid-evening the station had disappeared and as we tuned into both 558 and 963 just before 21.00, carriers/tuning notes appeared, followed by audio. At 21.00 on 558, numbers were read out and the ship's position was given out also, both in English, by Andy Johnson and in Dutch, by Ferry Eden. The numbers were then repeated on 963 at 21.05, and were...249, 56, 154, 155. The ship's position was given out as...51° 38' 07" North, 1° 31' 42" East. It appears that the ship had drifted again, which was surprising as the wind was only Easterly, and the seas 'slight to moderate'. The emergency seemed to be contained very rapidly and the ship resumed broadcasting very shortly after, although 'technical hitches' kept being mentioned. Apparently, the only disaster this time, was the fact that Raffles (the Caroline dog) apparently ate the crew members meal whilst they were attending the emergency. 558 closed at 21.00 again, but 963 went on with "Caroline Overdrive" at 21.00 until 01.00, then Nigel Roberts.

Saturday appeared uneventful, and today the same, although it is still early yet. The station must have had a tender out there in the week, as new records and other things were noticed towards the end of the week, but it is not thought that they have had their main anchor replaced yet.

Thanks to Ronnie Simmons for assistance with this rather larger than normal log this week, and to Albert E. Ford for his logs, and to everyone else for their info.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. Riviera 104 out there in ITALY. Dave Windsor has now returned to the U.K. and the current line-up on the station looks like this...06.00 Pete Twist 09.30 Daevid Fortune 13.00 Jim Hicks 16.30 Alton Andrews 20.00 Lawrence John. In order that everyone has a day off, the above line-up is altered slightly (everyone doing a bit longer) on certain days of the week.

LIVERPOOL. Merseywaves was merrily broadcasting last week at 20.27 (as last week's "WR" was being posted on the Sunday evening), when suddenly the D.J. came on and said "we'll have to go off now, see yer", following which the audio and carrier went off almost simultaneously. Following Burt William's (station owner) programme last week, live phone-ins took place, which at the time, we thought was a bit risky in view of DTI activity in that area. Apparently, there was DTI activity in the area on the Sunday evening, and a number of search warrants were executed, although no trace of pirate radio stations was found anywhere, however the station closed down for safety reasons and was back on again on the Friday evening, but went off due to technical problems at 21.45., and did not re-appear until 16.10 on Saturday. On Sunday they were as normal, although a hum was evident on the station during the afternoon, but Burt Williams once again, was noted doing running repairs during his show. He mentioned a phone-in on Saturday last, so they are obviously still running them.

Very little else has been heard from this area throughout the week, with the exception of Concept Radio on 104.4mhz., which was heard with some taped programmes on Wednesday evening in the Merseyside area.

It is likely that Deeside Community Radio will be on the air today, but apart from these, we have been made aware of little else. Whatever happened to C - 104?

THE MIDLANDS. Radio PCRL were noted by Steve Maddox in Stoke last Sunday, on 103.9mhz FM at 14.30. Station owner, Cecil of Edgbaston pleaded not guilty before Birmingham magistrates, on two charges of installing equipment. His case was adjourned until 18th June (see cuttings).

OXFORD. Thames Valley Radio have made contact with us this week, and we will be re-producing their new logo on the back page. They tell us that, apart from being short of money, are absolutely desperate for accommodation, so if you know anyone who can accommodate them from time to time, drop them a line at this address...TVR, 34 Cowley Road, Oxford.

SUSSEX. Another advert for a proposed broadcast can be found on the back page, this time Radio Sovereign. ABC in Eastbourne tell us that for

their next broadcast at Easter, they will be increasing their power to 120 watts and in stereo, and as a result, hope to get over to Northern France from their 700 feet above sea level, transmission site. Anyone interested in further information about their next broadcast, particularly if you live in Northern France, is asked to drop a line (no SAE or IRC needed) to ABC, 28 Clyde Park, Hailsham, East Sussex.

LONDON. Alice's Restaurant has a new mailing address, it is, 175 Clements Road, London E6 2DW. Alan from Essex tells us that last Sunday, he logged Starpoint FM, Alices, Fame (received no I.D. on this one), TKO and London Greek Radio, all on the FM band. On Monday night, all he could receive was LGR on 105.1 and TKO with just a carrier. We are reliably informed that South East Sound have not made a return as yet.

Today, heard in the area were, JBC, who had been raided in the week, back on 104.9, TKO were not on, neither were LGR, Fame were on 94.5 and Starpoint on 88.6mhz. Apparently the raids in the area are intense at present, and stations seem to be getting raided every other day. One wonders what will happen once the Community Radio licenses are dished out, will all the big ones return again? We shall soon see, someone suggested next Thursday.

BEDFORD. The Radio North Sea Int., saga. (see earlier). The correct address of this station (or would be station) is 9 Rothbury Court, Carrick Road, Bedford., and not the address printed in the newspaper cutting some week's ago.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

Amendments to last week's log from Podney R. Sixe. Thanks to all the others who sent in SW logs, as usual. He thought Crystal Radio may have been on 7375khz., at 11.28gmt.? Radio Torenvalk on 6238khz., may have been relayed by Radio Tonair Int.? Other than those two queries, everything was as printed, we understand.

Podney tells us that the operator of Radio Penfold U.K./Radio London U.K. will eventually reply to all letters sent in to him following broadcasts.

SHORTWAVE LOG for SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY.

Our loggers in Blackpool (including ourselves), Leeds and Scotland failed to receive one single SW station, due to unbelievably bad conditions. Our loggers in Cornwall were unavailable today, hence for the first time since we started, no logs. However, we will print this week's list, along with next week's once we receive the written logs in the week.

FREE RADIO WAVES 4 hits the streets in early March and one of the many exclusive features takes a look at Radio Dolphin, the proposed successor to radio Atlantis, which came within 24 hours of taking to the air at Christmas 1974, from The Gunfleet Tower in the Thames Estuary. To coincide with this article, we've launched a new series of **CLASSIC AIRCHECK TAPES** with a 60 minute cassette jammed to the leader tape with recordings from the good ship Jeanine! There's a **STUDIO QUALITY** Steve England Show, surely one of the Dutch pirate era's best programmes, plus a **STUDIO QUALITY** montage of the famous Atlantis jingles and dozens of extracts from the station's top D.J.'s. Send £3.00 for your sixty minute tape to **FRW**, "Flagstones", West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1TA. Cheques/P.O.'s made payable to S.J. Parry please.

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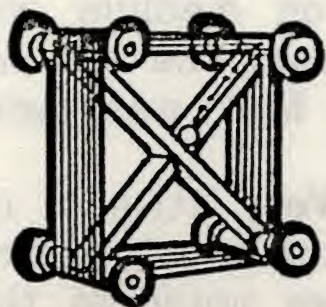
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No. 94....16th. FEBRUARY 1986.

Apologies first off this week, for the slight blunder with RNLI last week. We forgot to include the advert on the back page, so, this week, we have compiled the back page first and included all the bits and pieces hanging about, held over from previous weeks. We just hope that we have enough room for everything else.

More problems noted with the post this week, as some subscribers report in excess of a week before delivery of their report. We post the report every Sunday evening in Blackpool Head Post Office, at 20.30, not that it gets sorted on Sunday, but at least it is in the system in readiness for Monday. The mail coming in isn't much better, with one second class item taking 2½ weeks to reach us! The Post Office have asked us this week if we will mention on the front of envelopes whether tapes are enclosed, as they tell us they use some machinery which could wipe a tape clean.

NEW MERCHANDISE. FREE RADIO ROUND-UP, Issue 5(February). Just out, this 28 page publication is once again packed to the covers with info., stories, and reports from the wonderful world of free radio. Short wave is covered particularly well here. Price is 60p, and at this price, a bargain. Also includes latest Irish station lists.

<TX> LONDON'S ALTERNATIVE RADIO MAGAZINE, Issue 4(February), also just out. Priced at 90p as usual, this month's features "The Best of '85" Survey results, On-Air Radio Guide, plus all the other regular features. Demand is likely to be high due to recent write-up in the London Standard.

Back in stock, **OFFSHORE RADIO** by Gerry Bishop. This superb A4 book has outsold all other free radio publications. We have obtained a quantity and can offer them for sale once again, at £6.00(inc P & P). Very highly recommended for its coverage, and black and white photos of the personalities and stations.

Also back in stock, after rather a long time....the **LASER POSTER**, and the **CAROLINE POSTER**(not the Top 500 EAP one), both in full colour. Prices, £3.50(Laser) and £3.00(Caroline). All back orders should by now have been received. We apologise for the delay here.

We are pleased to announce that we are now distributors for Alfasound/Tapetrix products (Manchester), and to start off, have the following in stock.....**ALFASOUND JINGLE L.P.'s**. Vol.1 100 jingles for D.J.'s., Discotheques and Radio Stations, the successful follow-up, Vol. 2. and Vol 3, featuring jingles from the U.K. and USA. Prices are £7.99 each L.P. and this includes post and packing. **RADIO ENGLAND STORY**. This 1 hour 47 minute long cassette tells the full story of the Laissez Faire from early '66 till August '67. Price is £7.99 inc. P & P. **RADIO ID JINGLE COLLECTION**, Vol. 5(pirates) features the jingles of Sunshine, Caroline, WKLR, Nova, KFM, Sovereign, RCR, WLR, Sunshine 101 & 91.6 and Island Radios. C.60 Chrome cassette, price £7.99 inc. P & P. **THE IRISH PIRATES Vols. 1 & 2** by Leon Tippler. 4 hours long, 2 cassette pack, Price £9.99 inc. P & P. **THE IRISH PIRATES Vols 3**

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THE CUTTINGS CLUB. Just one single sheet this week, B4 as usual, but very interesting, with further reports about Stereo 531 from Broadcast magazine and Mixmag(a piece from the Southern Evening Echo, also about this proposed station, failed to arrive in time, and will be included next week), an article from Broadcast about Chris Cary's long-wave proposals, more from Dublin(the Evening Herald) about Nova's "Spy" in the sky, two lengthy articles about the London pirates, the letter held over from last week, out of Radio Times and a small piece, only just received, about 'Buster's' funeral, on 3rd January last. All in all, a very good sheet. Price is just 10p plus an SAE. Alternatively, you can receive each week's cuttings, irrespective of number of sheets, along with your Weekly Report. Simply send £5.00 and this will cover cuttings for one whole year, but only subscribers to "WR" can join. We cannot back-date subs. to "CC", but back copies can be bought at the price listed each week right here. From time to time special offers are made on parcels of back copies.

NEW ARRIVALS. Just The Free Radio Rendevu this week. You may wonder how we distinguish between all these "Free Radio..." mags., well, The above is TFRR, Round-up is FRRU, Waves is FRW. Simple really! Back to TFRR, the editor has sent us a full page telling us what it is all about. Regretably, due to lack of space, we cannot re-produce this at all, but simply say that a sample copy of this mag. costs 40p, or simply request more details, enclosing an SAE(Address sticker for this mag. is on back page, Really, this time!).

We are still awaiting the following..... "Best of Offshore Echos", another week or two yet, Caroline car stickers and Free Radio Waves Issue 4, about seven days only(see hand-out).

Following our mentioning of one or two names of people who wish to swap tapes, the following wish to be included.....Peter Tilt, 53 Brighton Road, Crawley, Sussex RH11 7AA (his speciality is '60's Offshore), Chris Andrews, 1343 E. Broadway, Muskegon, Mich. 49444, USA.,(his speciality will no doubt be American). Mr P.C.

Cornish of 20 Shaftesbury Square, Ipswich IP4 1NB had a mention on Ad Robert's show on Radio Monique on 13th February (last Thursday) at about 16.20 (our time). If anyone has a recording of same, could they drop him a line. I understand he is willing to swap other items. Last week, and a few weeks ago, we carried an advert on the back page for tapes for sale, from Carl Kingston in California. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond his control, Carl has had to return to the U.K., and intends to remain here for the present. If anyone may have sent money out to the U.S., we can assure you that Carl has made arrangements for re-direction of his mail, back to this country. However, delays will occur, and it may well be an idea to drop Carl a line to let him know this fact. His address is 187 Chanterlands Avenue, Hull, North Humberside HU5 3TL. In the meantime, Carl tells us that he has a number of tapes for sale, including several of himself on Magic 1380 in Sacramento, California. SAE for details if interested.

Finally, has anyone any tapes (or details of same) of Breakfast Pirate Radio, a station featured in the book, Rebel Radio? Also, has anyone any idea which L.P. the record, "Theme for Two Cities" by Simple Minds, came from. (It is featured as backing track on the video "The Irish Era"). Drop us a line at 539, if you can help with either.

RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND

DUBLIN...RADIO DUBLIN. Word has it that this long established station has got a new 12 channel mixer, new American voice-overs, plus new Tony Allan voice-overs, which all sound very impressive. The station can be heard over a fairly wide area on 1188kHz., AM, and 98.8 and 105.4mhz., FM locally.

RADIO NOVA. Apologies to Kathy Quinn at this station, we referred to her as Cathy Byrne last week. It was entirely our fault as there was some interference (sounded like a Hoover), when she gave out her name. Sybil Fennell has returned to news-reading duties and was duly heard at the latter end of the week. No other major occurrences of note here this week. No sign of the return of any LW transmissions (see piece in cuttings this week). There seems some controversy over the "Spy in the Sky" project heard on Nova each morning (traffic reports). The Dublin Evening Herald suggests that the reports are 'stolen' from Q 102's "Eye in the Sky" (see cuttings).

Q 102. Henry Owens joined this station recently and was heard presenting programmes on 8th February. Henry was formerly at Nova, and before that at South Coast Radio, as Alan Reid.

The station was holding auditions today between 14.00 and 16.30, for news-readers. Adverts were heard all week over the air. This is no doubt to replace Gary Hammill who recently joined Nova.

Compact Discs are now being played on the station, sponsored by Sony. Before each compact disc is played, a jingle is aired. "Compact Disc...Sound of the future from Sony" and "Compact Q sounds better with Sony" have been noted.

According to listeners in Dublin, quality is said to be superb, although on medium wave, at a distance such as ours, away, one can hardly tell. An evening "Eye in the Sky" was noted on 5th February.

OTHER DUBLIN NEWS. Very little of importance to report, of late, just the usual stations on the air. One or two new ones noted in the city....a Cara or Carin Radio on 105.5, a Slush Radio on 106.5 but with very low power. One change of name...BFBS have changed to Radio Caroline! (106 or thereabouts).

MULLINGAR...RADIO WEST. Station owner Sean Coyne heard on the Breakfast Show, last week, in place of Roger Taylor, who is thought to have left. John Dwyar was heard this week, commencing Monday, doing Breakfast, Rob Charles from Manchester having been heard on John's afternoon show, with Niall McGowan in between the two, and Mike McCartney following Rob.

ABC Network News from Radio Nova has been relayed some mornings and most weekends. Other times West have their own National and local news.

One reporter tells us that West's FM is all over the band in Mullingar, and certainly not in stereo, despite announcements. The station has a very strong signal on AM, and sounds well, but they still have a big turn-round in presenting staff

KILNALECK...BREFFNI COMM. RADIO. As mentioned last week, the station is back on 1170kHz., from 1161kHz., although not quite as clear here, due to U.K. activity on the same channel. Jacko McLoughlin has returned to this station from Erneside Radio. He was originally at the station in its early days. He can be heard regularly, but at varying times, as the station seems to operate a varying schedule, as regards the presenters.

NAAS, Co. KILDARE...K.C. RADIO (Kildare Community Radio - The Voice of Kildare)..... A report from Jeff Richards.....KCR broadcast on medium wave only, 1413kHz., to the Kildare area only. It is very much a community station and not a 'wall to wall' pop music station. It features lots of community news and local events, in fact, functions are advertised free, simply by ringing (045) 76209, or writing in to St. Martin's House in Naas. Music played is Country and Western, Irish Ceili, ballads and Irish traditional. The present line-up on the station is...10.00 Shiela. 13.00 Dave Lewis in the afternoon. 17.00 - 19.30 (close) Jeff Richards. Saturday shows include "The Alan Philips Show", "Back Tracking with Des Drumm", "The Tom Moore Ceili Show". On Sundays, "Marian's Sunday Morning" and Hospital Requests can be heard, along with Dave Lewis and Jeff Richards.

PROSPEROUS (15 miles from Naas, Co. Kildare). **CENTRE RADIO.** A new station, briefly mentioned in previous reports, is now active in this town, on 100.0mhz.FM., with a possibility of AM very shortly. Their address is Centre Radio, Larry Keogh's, Prosperous, Co. Kildare...Tel (045) 68161. Present line-up...07.00 Johnny Crofton. 11.00 Tony Lumsden. 15.00 Nigel Watson. 19.00 Liam Percival. 21.30 till mid-night (close-down) Paul Roche. Other specialist programmes...Friday

night, Ceili with Jack Golding, Saturday morning, "Kid's Show", Saturday afternoon, sports. Basically a mixture of music on this station, pop, C & W etc., rather middle of the road if anything. Tony Lumsden was previously with treble T.R. Radio in Dublin. Rather good jingles are reported, and these are no doubt from the former U.K. station of the same name.

WATERFORD... ABC RADIO. Joint owner Andy Ellis heard doing Monday 10.00 till 13.00 in place of John Lewis who has not appeared all week.

LIMERICK...WSPD RADIO STATION(That is what the advert in Sunday World says!). On 102mhz., FM and 1100khz(!) AM. It gives the address as O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, Tel; 061 310048...no further details on this one as yet.

BANDON, Co. CORK...WKLR. This station is currently broadcasting on AM(1503khz.) and FM, (100.3mhz. locally and about 98.0mhz. with a relay to Skibbereen). It broadcasts 24 hours per day, with taped pre-recorded shows during the night. Main presenters are...07.00 Gary Gibson. 11.00 John Green 15.00 Paul Sheehan Evenings (usually 19.00 or 20.00), Joe Crowley. As with most country stations, Irish, Ceili and country and western music can be heard at certain times.

DUNGARVAN...DUNGARVAN COMMUNITY RADIO. The station recently replied to Ian Biggar, stating that they had no promotional material at all, and would be possibly closing within a few weeks.

Finally before we leave Ireland, if any one can help a correspondent of ours, who is planning to write a book about Irish pirate radio, by supplying any station information etc., could they write toBrian Buckley, Enfield House, 29 Coalisland Road, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, N.I. BT71 6LA.

Our thanks to the following people for this week's Irish info...Joe and Jane, Sean, Andy, Scott, Jeff, Chris, Ian, Joe and others.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. As expected, a report from this station, from Pete Jeffries.

PEACE LINE-UP....1st FEBRUARY 1986. 06.00 Breakfast with Greg Fairlie. 09.00 Morning Show with Dave James. 12.00 Afternoon Show with Dave Asher. 15.00 Kassach. 16.00 Drive-time with Pete Jeffries. 18.00 Twilight Time with Dave Asher/Dave James. 19.30 Classical with Greg Fairlie. 21.00 AM/FM Split: AM International Music. FM - Nightstars with Dave Asher. 00.00 Midnight with Keith Lewis. 03.00 Night-beat with Pete Jeffries.

At the time of writing, the station has just returned to the airwaves after a break of about a week and a half. For some time now, the on-board generators have not been performing as they should, and it was found necessary to go into port whilst they were fixed.

As you will see from the programme schedule, Dave Asher is back, and his return will be welcomed by many of the regular VOP listeners. He will also be organising the programme side of things whilst Gary 'B', who has now come to the end of his original six month contract, takes a well-earned break



MV PEACE...4th October 1985. Photo: P.Jeffries.

For the benefit of the technically minded readers, here's a short description of the bits and pieces seen in the picture above...The broadcasting mast at the rear of the ship(nearest in the picture), contains the FM and half the AM antenna. The four horseshoe type things, which start half-way up the mast, are the FM antennae, radiating 20kw. The AM is strung along the outside of either side of the mast and then continues into mid-air across to the front mast, very similar to Laser's old system. AM is also 20kw. Sharp-eyed readers may notice one of the two main broadcast generators on the top level, made by Perkins of Peterborough.

Our thanks to Pete for that report.

News just in, indicates that this station is still being received on its second harmonic frequency of 3060khz. Heard in Leeds, this morning at 01.30 without aid of external antennae by Dave Knight.

CAROLINE/MONIQUE. Following the return to normal programming, breaks in transmission were noted on both Monday and Tuesday, on 963 and 558khz. Monday's break began just before 08.30 and lasted for about 90 minutes. Tuesday, the break was noted to last from 08.40 until approx. 14.30.(558 only 963 returning slightly earlier). According to Dave Andrews, the breaks were due to 'technical problems'. Line-up on the station on weekdays, appears to be fairly stable, and as follows....05.00 Kevin Turner. 09.00 Peter Philips. 13.00 Dave Andrews. 17.00 Jerry Davies. 21.00 Andy 'Cosmic' Johnson. 01.00 close-down(carrier left on most times). News, with Andy Johnson in the morning, and Kevin Turner in the afternoon, and Lotto 6/49 results appear to be as normal. Caroline Overdrive continues on 963khz., with Fergie from 21.00

and Nigel(Bagwan?) Roberts from 01.00 until 04.00.

Before we go on to Monique news, a couple of corrections, pointed out by Penelope Page of Monitor magazine. Tom Anderson only did seven hours and not eight, as we stated, on 18th January. Kevin Turner, now on Caroline, was also on the VOP, and was "the last mutineer" (see Monitor Issue 26).

Presenters heard live on Monique..... Ad Roberts, Ferry Eden and Wim de Valk. One hour shows have been noted(Feb. 7th) for the first time. On Sunday 9th Feb., Wim de Valk was heard presenting his first oldie matinee programme between 15.00 and 17.00gmt., followed by Ad Roberts and other Dutch D.J.'s, along with some Caroline D.J.'s with a special programme about the recent drifting of the Ross Revenge. The programme was presented in Dutch and English. A promotion for the programme was heard each day the previous week. International news in English is currently being read by Andy Johnson at 08.30 gmt., and Kevin Turner at 15.30gmt.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. A detailed report prepared last weekend by Tim Jackson will be found on the loose sheet within this week's report. Today(Sunday), just Radio Merseywaves are once again heard, on 1242khz. They were also noted yesterday and promise a return to their 4 day weekend schedule as of next Friday. This move was made, according to Burt Williams, station owner, following near misses in recent raids, which occurred at the weekend. Burt said that there was just as much chance of being raided if they went on four days, as the present two days, which was implemented to try and reduce the risk of a raid. No other medium wave stations were heard and it was stated on the above station that it was a possibility that RMW was the only medium wave pirate on the air in Britain, but at this point in time, it is not 100% certain whether or not this in fact, was a true statement.

No other stations were logged at all from this city, but it is understood that Mersey FM were on 103.8mhz., along with one or two others during the week(Commodore, Julie and WFM).

THE MIDLANDS. Just PCRL logged in that area today, on 103.9mhz. They are apparently now running 24 hours per day, but are having problems with the audio, as Radio 1(ugh!) can be heard in the background. Heard last week were Radio Mi Amigo, briefly, on 103.1mhz., from Telford, reports Dave Small.

LONDON. DTI raids are apparently quite widespread in this area reports Simon Parry, with only JBC on 104.9mhz., Alice's Restaurant on 93.0mhz., with a superb signal and Fame on 94.5mhz., being heard there today. Last Friday LWR were heard on 92.2mhz. Conspicuous by their absence today, Starpoint.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS. It appears that last weekend was one of the worst for short wave reception for 25 years. Even in Cornwall, conditions were diabolical, according to Podney R. Sixe. His report on the situation reads.....

6015khz...Podney's Free Broadcasting Service, with an address of Postfach 750 925, D 2820,

Bremen 70, West Germany, at 12.06gmt., with 50 milliwatts of power via Pirate Freak's Broadcasting Service, with I.D.'s., and Madonna's "Material Girl". Reception good on peaks.

6240khz...**RADIO EPSILON** at 10.08gmt., with "I Love Rock n'Roll" by Joan Jett and the Black Hearts" again, via PFBS. Reception, very weak.

6240khz...**UNID.**, at 12.23gmt., with music (possibly Radio Rainbow).

6241khz...**UNID.**, at 10.56gmt., possibly Dutch, mentioned "Alpha Alpha"(could be out of post code).

6310khz...**UNID.**, at 10.35gmt. German, signed off at 10.40gmt., very strong, possibly PFBS or Radio Diamond.

All in all, last Sunday was a disaster.

Amendments to the previous week, again from Podney, who tells us that **UNID.**, on 6300khz., at 12.45gmt., on 2nd February, was Radio Diamond.

We understand that the continentals were able to do a bit better than us last week, and logs from there, are apparently a little more comprehensive than our meagre ones. A list of these will be found in the latest issue of TFFR.

SHORT WAVE LOGS for SUNDAY 16th FEB.

6200khz...**UNID.**, at 13.00gmt.

6205khz...**RADIO SKYWAVES INT.**, at 09.37 and 12.50gmt.

6210khz...**RIVERSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 10.23 and 10.30gmt.

6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 10.05 and 12.50gmt.

6280khz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 11.30 and 12.45gmt.

6290khz...**FOUR FREEDOMS WORLD SERVICE**, at 12.00 & 12.55.

6310khz...**RADIO IRELAND INT.**, at 10.30 and 12.48gmt.

6400khz...**RADIO VALLERI**, at 09.30gmt.

7315khz...**FUTURE WORLD RADIO**, at 09.00gmt.

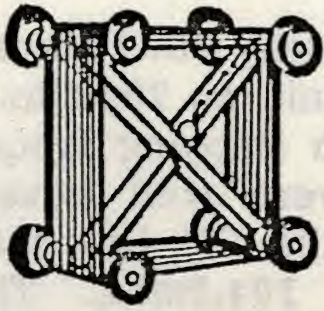
7340khz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 09.13gmt.

Conditions were not wonderful, and it was not until mid-day that anything could be received, here in Blackpool.

Loggers today were ourselves, Ken Baird, Paul Dunlop, Dave Small and Dave Knight.

FMTR were not on the air this weekend, due to personal reasons.





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WEEKLY REPORT

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No. 95...23rd FEBRUARY 1986.

One thing is for certain, we shall not be short of reading material for a little while, as over the past fourteen days, the magazines have literally rained in on us, but more about those in a little while, as we shall start off with **THE CUTTINGS CLUB** this week.

One over-size sheet reduced slightly to make one B4 sheet this week, with two reports from the Southampton paper, 'The Southern Evening Echo', mentioned last week, about Stereo 531, a piece from 'Bedford on Sunday' about the RNI revival, from the same paper, a story about Tony Gareth(ex Caroline, now on Radio 2), from the same area, some news about the BBC and 558 from the 'Yellow Advertiser', plus several other little bits, including two quite old pieces about Buster's death, held over for various reasons. Price is 10p plus an SAE this week. You can receive the cuttings along with Weekly Report, simply by sending us £5.00, which will cover one whole year, irrespective of number of pages accumulated each week. This service is known as "The Cuttings Club". We cannot back-date your subscription, it will run from the following week we receive it, but you can purchase back copies at the price listed each week right here. We must thank all those who send in cuttings, particularly from local papers, as is the case this week.

NEW MERCHANDISE. Excellent sales can be reported of **FREE RADIO WAVES**(Issue 4), <TX> **LONDON'S ALTERNATIVE RADIO MAGAZINE**(Issue 4) (The latter received some coverage in the London Evening Standard, resulting in many extra sales), and **FREE RADIO ROUND-UP**(Issue 5). These were all mentioned last week, but briefly prices are as follows....FRW(a general magazine), 80p, LARM(London pirate mag.), 90p and FRRU(a lot of short wave), 60p. We have in stock **FRM MAGAZINES**(the Dutch one) for December and January(but not February yet). Price here is £1.60. **WAVELENGTH**(Issue 8) is now out and in stock, very interesting as usual, just 12 pages for 50p. We also have back copies for sale at 50p each. Still awaited...."The Best Of Offshore Echos". This magazine can still be ordered at the pre-publication price of £2.50(This may be your last chance, as once it is published, it will cost £3.50). We are having problems obtaining the Caroline car stickers we normally sell(the official ones). We suggest that no one orders any more for the time being, until we can guarantee supplies. Those who have ordered them can either have their money back, have other goods in place, or wait in hope.(Please let us know which). We apologise for this, but due to the recent problems and the change in frequency are not at all surprised.

NEW ARRIVALS. Please note that these are items we DON'T sell, hence the name and address of supplier after the mention. **OFFSHORE PRINT OUT**(Issue Vol. 3 No. 2 Feb. '86)....20p plus large SAE will get you this issue from 5 Common Lane, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 9RQ. As the title implies, all offshore, very much like the original Monitor magazine, and just as good. **RADIOTELEX**(Issue 67). All shortwave, highly recommended. We will supply one(only) sample copy of this for 40p., thereafter you must subscribe to RT via the address found within the mag. **Das FREE RADIO FANZINE clubzeitschrift der FRA Germany**(formerly Radio Victoria magazine). This is Issue 1/86 and, as usual, is all in German, nevertheless is interesting. 28 pages for DM5(about £1.25) or equivalent in IRC's,

from Postfach 1214, D - 6380, Bad Homburg, West Germany. **MEDIUM WAVE NEWS**(published by The Medium Wave Circle) Vol 31, Issue 8(Feb. '86) just out. 10 x A4 pages, specialising in long distance dx-ing, but giving some coverage to pirates also. Definitely worth subscribing to if you are interested in above. £5 per year from Bill Shaw, 1 Alt Avenue, Liverpool L31 7BJ(chèques to Medium Wave Circle please).



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BRITAIN RADIO INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER(Spring '86 edition). Free with an SAE. Single A4 sheet, printed on both sides, all about the SW station and more.

TAPE EXCHANGE. The following wishes to swap tapes, particularly jingle tapes, but also any radio recordings.....Alan Bainbridge, 14 Cedar Grove, Sutton, Keighly, BD20 7QS.

Finally in this opening section, a number of people are anxious to know of the various DX programmes in English, available to the radio listener in the UK. We listen to Media Network and BRT and sometimes Sweden, but are not sure of all the times and frequencies of these broadcasts. If anyone can help with a list, we can print it next week, or whenever. Don't include Sunday morning shortwavers though.

IRISH RADIO STATIONS.

DUBLIN...NOVA. The station announced on the 13th, that in a recent survey carried out, they had more listeners than their nearest rival. Over 42% of the 10,000 interviewed listened to Radio Nova during the day. The station has been relayed by someone on 1116khz for a good period during the week. Normally KISS transmit on this channel. The "Spy in the sky" continues with the majority of the Dublin public bewildered to know as to whether Nova, Q, both, or neither, actually have a helicopter flying around reporting on the traffic situation.

SUNSHINE. Several people report the Sunshine

AM signal to be much stronger, in fact, we noticed this, but thought it may be conditions. Listening to Sunshine at present reminds one of the old Mi Amigo days, with Spanish adverts being noted, particularly for bars and the like(remember "King's Bar" and the like, in Playa de Aro?). The Canary Islands is the actual place, and a programme devoted to promoting these islands was noted on Saturday(yesterday), just before lunchtime.

OTHER BITS AND PIECES. a new outfit called County Sounds has emerged, on FM only, 105.7mhz. Also heard in the city this last week, Radio Rainbow, testing on 104.5mhz., Southside Radio on 106mhz.(actually announcing the name), Hospital Radio on 96.3mhz., with live programmes, Caroline Dublin on 106.5mhz., Radio Galaxy on 1530khz.(Sun.). KISS FM suffered some breaks in transmissions on all frequencies, possibly due to aerial work. Current line-up on KISS reads....06.30 Colm Mooney. 10.30 Tony Ashford. 15.00 David Baker. 19.00 Joe Harte. 23.00 till 06.30 Rory Ross. This station can be heard very often on 1116khz.,AM, (although Nova was relayed for quite a period last week), along with legal UK station(Radio Derby), and North West Community Radio in Buncrana, Co. Donegal, all of which are audible in various areas of the North West of Great Britain.

MULLINGAR...RADIO WEST. It appears that English presenters, John Dwyar and Rob Charles have both departed(the latter only completing a week on the air, despite his professional sounding programmes). We expect to hear more of these two elsewhere before not too long. Heard on Radio West this week, at various times, with no settled line-up, stalwart Willie Hart, Niall McGowan, Mike McCartney and station boss Sean Coyne. Yet a further name was noted last weekend, John Plunkett. Reports in from that area suggest that the 'link' FM transmitter is on 99.0mhz., and not 98.5mhz., as earlier reported. This is in addition to the main t/x on 94.0mhz. The AM transmitter on 765khz., was noted missing on Monday daytime, but it was not known whether the lack of presenters had anything to do with this, or the fact that the generator had run out of fuel.(This is situated in a field some miles from Mullingar, at a place called Tyrrellspass).

CAVAN TOWN...CAVAN COMMUNITY RADIO. Following holidays, discjockey Ollie Clarke has now returned and joined fellow colleagues, Daffy Don Allen and Phil Hilton. Line-up is now back to 'normal'(see "WR" 92). The station is audible on MW only, 819khz., once one is able to get away from Dublin and the powerful signal of Q 102. No FM transmissions are currently being made, not even studio links with the MW transmitter, as this is done by land line.

LONGFORD...LONGFORD COMMUNITY RADIO. The only station now operating in this town(on a frequency of 1071khz.), recently held its Awards Concerts in Mohill, Co. Leitrim, attended by a host of Irish and Country and Western artists, in turn, attracting quite a large crowd.

KILNALECK, Co. CAVAN...BREFFNI COMMUNITY RADIO. The station, as reported earlier, has moved back to 1170khz. The actual change was made

on the evening of Thursday 6th February. It appears that the second harmonic on 2322khz., was causing interference to French shipping frequencies. Plans for an FM service were well advanced, and on Thursday 13th Feb., the FM link transmitter was put into action on 104.2mhz. The main FM transmitter had been located on Arkill Mountain, which is about two miles from the studios. Shortly after 18.00 on Monday 17th Feb., the main transmitter sprang into life, initially on 96.4mhz. but later moving to 96.6mhz., with a power of 100watts, but due to its good height, was expected to cover about sixty miles. Within a short time, the transmissions on 96.4mhz., were indeed received by Brian Buckley in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone(about 50+ miles), who went on to note the slight change to 96.6mhz. He reported a good signal. If any reader at a good distance can in fact receive this FM signal, the station would be pleased to receive a reception report. These reports can be sent to P.O. Box 539 etc.

Staying with Brian Buckley for a moment longer, he reports receiving a signal on 98.0mhz., from Derry. The station mentioned briefly in an earlier report, turned out to be City Sound Radio, with an address in Derry itself, Graphics Unlimited, 33 Shipquay Street, Derry..Tel (0504) 260315. However, the transmitter itself is apparently located in the South, with the office in the North(The U.K.). A link transmitter on 100.3mhz., is thought to be operative.

LIMERICK...RADIO LUIMNI. One of the most interesting and novel stations surely must be Radio Luimni on 1125khz.AM, and FM. Whilst I was in Ballycotton, Co. Cork, I was able to tune in, as their signal from the supposed 1 kw rig was quite good during daylight hours. The station owner and mainstay

is one John Frawley, better known as "John The Man", who hosts the 07.30 to 10.30 and 13.00 to 15.00 slots, although I must add that these times are flexible. If John has business to take care of, then he will put on a tape until the next presenter arrives. Highlight of his morning show is the 'Sad News', as he calls it. Between 09.30 and 10.00, he goes through details of the obituaries in the various newspapers. In fact listeners often drop details in to the station for John to read out. Other programme details..... 10.30 Music While You Work. 12.00 Angelus. 12.01 Big Band Music. 13.00 Lunchtime Requests. 14.30 Continuous music tapes. 15.00 Walter's Wonderful World! 17.00 Mike Hogan. 18.00 Angelus and Family Prayers. 18.10 Mike Hogan. 19.30 Top Twenty Show. 21.00 Various Musical Programmes. 00.30 Closedown.

Apparently this schedule varies considerably from time to time. Advertising on the station is quite healthy, all adverts being recorded by John the man.

Radio Luimni started some years ago, as an offshoot of Radio Big 'L'. It was not by any means the first station in Limerick, Radio Limerick Weekly Echo, LBC and Big 'L' were on some years before this. In 1979, the station suffered a raid, the result of which John Frawley was fined £25 for refusing to give an undertaking not to

broadcast again. Equipment confiscated was duly returned.

Over the years, Radio Luimni has used many AM channels, which is perhaps why, John was heard to say, "This is Radio Luimni on 265m., 1185khz.", on one of his rare frequency announcements.

Radio Luimni, 1 Upper Gerald Griffin Street, Limerick. This report sent in by Ian Biggar.

MALLOW, Co. CORK...NORTH CORK COMMUNITY RADIO. NCCR is a community backed station representative to the general area. The station is run by a management committee to whom Barry O'Mahony(general manager) is directly responsible. The station's programming has a distinct community background and the presenters are as professional as the station can get in North Cork. Community participation and variety are all important to NCCR, and programming includes outside broadcasts, chat shows, hospital requests, sports, farming programmes etc.

The station operates weekdays 11.00 till 18.00 and weekends 10.00 till 18.00. Three transmitters are in use..1. 1386khz.AM, 2. 98.0mhz.FM, 3. 95.8mhz FM, the latter being the link t/x. Power on MW is not great but sufficient to cover the required area.

NCCR, Gouldshill, Mallow, Co. Cork. with thanks to Barry O'Mahoney for the info.

WATERFORD...ABC RADIO. It appears that John Lewis is no longer there, and his morning show has been taken over by an Irish presenter. On Friday, ABC's 1026khz. transmitter was off the air for the best part of the day due to a power cut by the ESB. The station was duly heard the following day in Blackpool, on this frequency. We understand that FM was unaffected.

MID-WEST RADIO(Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo). We have just learned from Paul Graham in Leicester that the station apparently is not new. The station operated before, during the period 1978/1979, from Castlerea in Co. Roscommon, using a 500watt transmitter. The owner then, as it is now, was Paul Claffey, a wellknown local band promoter. Paul was to be involved in the WABC project(a station in Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon), but it went ahead without him and featured such names as Paul Graham, Andrew Hewkin and Eamon Brookes(also known as Roger Matthews of Radio Caroline fame), in its fairly short life. Paul did some work in the Midas Night-club in Ballyhaunis, as WABC were audible in the town. The original station closed down during the Summer of 1979.

THE VOICE OF PEACE. The past couple of weeks have seen a gradual change of the station format. Previously the VOP playlists have been made up from the Billboard Hot 100 chart, and occasionally from the UK and Israeli charts. From now on, we will be taking a lot more notice of what is happening, both in Israel and the UK, and then topping the lists up with some of the big hits or fast risers from the American charts. The change has been made because we feel that the station, whilst well listened to in Israel, could do a lot better.

The last week has seen more problems with the generators. Monday saw a half-hour closedown for an oil change, and Wednesday, the station was off the air for a further hour when a fan belt snapped. As there were no spares on board and there was quite a bad storm in progress, it was decided to return to the air, with only one of the two fan belts intact. Unfortunately, by Friday morning it could no longer take the strain and that also snapped. This meant six hours of down time before spares could be sent out.

Dry dock is still on the cards but has been delayed again, this time by a strike of the dock workers at the port. As yet, there is still no sign of an end to it.

Latest news(10th Feb.). The AM transmitter is now off the air, after a fire inside it. Following an examination, it was found that the fan belts had snapped again and the whole system had overheated.

Current station line-up.....06.00
Breakfast with Pete Jeffries. 09.00 Morning Show
with Dave James. 12.00 Afternoon Delight
with Dave Asher. 15.00 Kassach. 16.00
Drivetime with Pete Jeffries. 18.00 Twilight Time
with Dave Asher/Dave James. 19.30 Classical
with Ralph Lister. 21.00 AM/FM Split: AM
International Music/FM Nightstars with Dave
Asher. Mid-night with Keith Lewis. 03.00

Night-beat with Ralph Lister. On shore leave,
Greg Fairlie. New presenter due.....David Shearer.
This report kindly sent by Pete Jeffries.

We understand that the AM rig is now back on the air and in fact, this was confirmed last evening between 00.15 and 0.45, as the second harmonic on 3060 was logged clearly, but fairly weakly, here in Blackpool, using a Grundig 3400 Satellit with only the set's extended antenna. An Elton John record was noted first, whilst checks were made to establish if this was in fact the VOP and not overload on the set. That established, we logged Joan Armatrading with "All The Way From America" at 00.23, the station ID on the half hour, "From Somewhere in the Mediterranean...." was logged at 00.28, an unknown record followed, an announcement, then at 00.33 Lionel Ritchie's "Say You, Say Me", at 00.37, Johnnie Nash's Tears On My Pillow", a further unknown tune followed, then an announcement, at which point we retuned to another station. The presenter's voice was not recognised, although we thought it would have been Keith Lewis. The times above were of course, GMT., but the D.,J. mentioned a time past 03.00! which did not tie in with information we had, that the country was two hours ahead of GMT. Any further information as to why this was would be welcome. Readers actually on the VOP may like to check back in their logs to confirm this.

PARADIJS. (A report from Steve of Gloucester, following a trip to Amsterdam last week). The Magda Maria looked much the same as she had done for the last couple of years, but to my surprise I found the Norderney also impounded in Amsterdam harbour, lying directly behind the Magda Maria in Entrepot Dock, both of them restricted by a barrier across the dock. The Norderney looked in a very sorry state indeed. Up until recently, she was used as a disco/bar, and moored behind Centraal Station, but now, with all her lights

off, she looks just like any of the hundred or so other boats in Entreport, which effectively is a graveyard for most of Amsterdam's old boats. All very sad. Has anyone any further info on the above please?

CAROLINE Plenty of action again this week. Early closing noted on Monday with 963 off at 20.15 and 558 off at 21.00, for 'transmitter maintenance'. The same on Tuesday, with both off at 21.00. Wednesday, again, both off at 21.00. On Thursday, Kevin Turner started the breakfast show, but Dave Andrews did the second half of it. Peter Philips followed till 13.00, then again, Dave Andrews till 17.00, whereupon Jerry Davies failed to appear and his show was presented by Peter Philips. Andy Johnson took over and the station stayed on the air till 01.00. "Caroline Overdrive" returned on Thursday with Fergie, at 21.00, after a break of several days. On Friday, Susan Charles re-appeared, doing the 13.00 till 17.00 slot, followed by a new voice, at this time, who we think is Mark Matthews, but he failed to identify himself at all regularly. At 21.00, "Caroline Overdrive" on Friday was hosted by Tom Anderson, till 01.00, when Nigel Roberts took over, no doubt till 04.00 and the commencement of Radio Monique.

So, it appears that, at this point in time, the station was tendered and Jerry Davies and Kevin Turner came off.

A couple of new adverts have been heard of late, notably one aired up to the hour, for Fisher electronic/hi fi goods. A promo heard today, on 558, for all the talk shows on 963, indicates that this 18.00 to 21.00 slot has been renamed "Viewpoint 963".

ITALY...RIVIERA 104/RADIO NOVA. News from Dave Windsor recently returned from this area, indicates that Radio Nova hope to re-commence official programmes on 1st May, in English and German. It is anticipated that commercials will be international with little interest shown in the local market. The new owner himself is believed to be of Russian descent, with an office based in Liechtenstein. Prior to the Midem Festival which took place in Cannes in the last week of January, Riviera 104 received a letter from the new Nova owner asking that all promos for 104 stating that it was the only English speaking radio station on the Cote d'Azur, be withdrawn. This request was complied with immediately, as the letter was of a friendly nature and it was hoped that this move would foster good relations between the two stations. New non-stop music tapes were being made for broadcast by Mark Dezzani to add interest to the new venture, although nonstop music has been aired since the station closed back at the end of '83, the reason for this being that once a frequency is relinquished, the station forfeits its right to use it again, unless it wishes to re-apply to the authorities.

It appears that Dan Grafton(formerly Steve Masters of Radio Laser 558), based in Paris is acting as PR man for Riviera 104. He has recently married and has applied for French citizenship. It is also interesting to note that about a month ago, "Conference International" a company dealing with PR for Riviera 104 in Monte Carlo, was

approached by Ronan O'Rahilly with a view to obtaining advertising for Radio Caroline.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. LIVERPOOL. Again, just Radio Merseywaves on medium wave today and this weekend, on 1242khz. Still broadcasting a four day weekend schedule, the station was without the Burt Williams Show today, for reasons unknown. On FM, here in Blackpool, we received Mersey FM on 103.8 mhz., with an address of Flat B, 42 Aspen Grove, Toxteth, Liverpool L8 OST. Logs from Tim Jackson in that area, from last weekend, indicate that the following were heard...Mersey FM on 103.8mhz. and Concept Radio on 104.4mhz.

HERTS. Kim from Letchworth tells us that RWM(above) were not the only MW pirate station in GB, last week. Radio Neptune of 9 Concord Drive, Hemel Hemstead, Herts., were on the air. Frequency was not mentioned, but the station have previously broadcast on 1575khz.

MIDLANDS. Nothing heard in that area today, but County Sound could appear later, according to our reporter down there. They give out an address of 20 Milton Crescent, Anstey Heights, Leicester.

LONDON. Electron Radio have been reported on 104.3mhz. from 19.00 till 23.00 each Sunday, with an address of 18 Thames View House, Felix Road, Walton on Thames, Surrey, KT12 2SL. Two more MW stations were logged in this area last week, Three Boroughs Radio on 1125khz., all day and an unidentified station on 1188khz., from 10.00 till 14.00(not South East Sound).

SHORT WAVE STATIONS. Another appalling day on the short wave bands. Our logs read.... 6240khz...**RADIO RAINBOW**, received very weakly by Sandy in Blackpool at 1048gmt. 6280khz...**UNID.**, at 11.05gmt.(Westside?). 6400khz...**UNID.**, at 11.11gmt.(Valleri?). 6310khz...**UNID.**, at 1114gmt. (Ireland?). 7320khz...**UNID.**, at 09.30. 4711khz... **UNID.**(Dutch? Harmonic?). 4050khz...**RADIO NA nGAEL**(Harmonic). 3377khz(USB)...A mix of Radio Ulster and Radio 1 !! 2826khz...Big 'M' (harmonic). 2316khz..."**DE HOOP**" **VERNIGING HOSPITAAL KERKCHIP** from International Waters of the Northern North Sea.

The last five unusual logs received by Dave Small in the Midlands.

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We should like to apologise for the amount of material held over this week. Hopefully all this will be printed over the next week or so.

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